



# THE WOODS



**NOTICE!!!**  
**FIREWORKS ARE**  
**ILLEGAL**  
**IN MADERA COUNTY**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**JULY 4, 2021**

**A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS**  
**PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
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## OPEN AREA MOWING BEGINS

The Firewise Brigade and community volunteers are mowing and weedeating the meadows for wildfire mitigation. The County sent out Dale Johnson mowing crews to do the shelter in place and a few other areas on the open areas. It all helps the cause. There is much more to be done to make all areas accessible to you for your recreation. The county contractor does not do all areas so we will try to get the remaining open area knocked down to prevent wildfires from spotting into tall dead grasses.

## ROAD 233 ANNUAL WEEDEATING EVENT

We had several folks show up for our weedeating event on Saturday, June 26 at 7am. Cascadel Heights residents paid for a professional weedeater to come



assist us. Many thanks for this generous donation to the fire reduction cause. Jim & Kitty Williams and Graham Guizar showed up, along with me. Our numbers were few, but this group worked



together extremely well and we were able to get to Sheep's Flat on one side and almost there on the other side. Thanks to all that attended this event.

## CHIPPING DAY

We had to put off the chipping day we had planned for the last week of June due to mowing. If you called to be put on the list, we still have your name and we will get to you soon. If you would like to be added to the list, call Carol

or Stan Eggink at 559-877-6290. Make your chipping pile close to the road for ease of chipping volunteers.

## COMMUNITY ROAD EASEMENT CLEARING

This June 7<sup>th</sup> event went very well considering only two folks were able to make it. It is good to see all the clearing on private property. Thank you for clearing the dead grasses.

## FIREWISE BRIGADE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Your Firewise Brigade volunteers are responsible for keeping Cascadel Woods a member in good standing with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This membership makes Cascadel Woods a Firewise USA Community. This status gives us a little bit of a head start when applying for fire prevention grant. When you turn in your hours of clearing and brushing your property, you make it possible for Cascadel Woods to be recognized as a Firewise USA Community.

The Brigade is responsible for arranging events like chipping days, fire hydrant cleaning, setting off burn piles with hose lays for safety and mowing & weedeating tall brown grasses for fuel reduction.

We have five fire boxes placed around the subdivision to help in the event of a fire. We have prevented two different fires from becoming out of control since building these boxes. That is why the boxes were built and saving a home from burning to the ground is worth the cost of the boxes and the equipment stored inside.

We are also in the process of building a new fire box for Cascadel Drive North. With the increased costs of lumber, fuel, and well, everything; we have had to put the construction on hold.

The Firewise Brigade relies completely on your generous donations. No money comes from the Water Company to fund any of our activities. The Firewise Committee put on the BBQ in early Spring, to thank all the volunteers who have helped to burn the huge piles on the open areas and drive the skid steer and to give the community a much needed relaxing affair with awesome BBQ and the best Pot Luck dishes around.

We thank those of you who have already donated this year. Your donations have kept us going. If you would like to make a donation to the Firewise Brigade, make

your check out to the Cascadel Mutual Water Company or CMWC and in the "For" line write Firewise Brigade donation. Mail to PO Box 321 North Fork, CA 93643.

## LOGGERS JAMBOREE TIME

The 61<sup>st</sup> annual Loggers Jamboree will be held on July 3 & 4. Saturday, July 3, is the amateur competition and Sunday the professionals will compete.

There is the crowning of the Logger Queen and the crowning of the Little Logger Prince and Princess. We have a few children from Cascadel Woods entered as contestants for Queen and Little Logger. Be sure to come by and support your favorite contestant. Good Luck to all of you. You are winners already!

Tickets are \$2 if purchased from a contestant or \$5 if purchased at the door. The tickets are good on Sunday events only. Saturday tickets must be purchased at the gate.

## CIGARETTE BUTTS

We seem to have some new residents or visitors to the subdivision that enjoy smoking cigarettes. Many white and brown butts have been picked up from the road while weedeating the easements. The butts were not crushed and this act could very well be the cause of starting a wildfire in our subdivision. **PLEASE** do not litter our roads. Volunteers clean up the things that get tossed out or dropped onto the roads. Thank you for helping to keep Cascadel Woods clean. Share this info with your visitors and renters to keep us all safe.



## BASS LAKE FIREWORKS & BOAT PARADE

Madera County's biggest fireworks display will be at Bass Lake. Since there were no fireworks last year, this year should be quite remarkable. The show should begin around 9 PM and it is free to see the show. You just have to get there very early to find a parking spot and be very patient when it is time to leave. There will be many people leaving the lake at the same time.

The Boat Parade will be at 7 PM. So if you come early to find that favorite parking spot, you should find many things to do to pass the time until the fireworks begin. Be safe and have fun.

## CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE Jun 24, 2021

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Contact - Jamie Williams – 209-966-3622  
<https://m.facebook.com/CALFIREMMU/photos/a.373617472976716/1447562148915571/?type=3&source=48>

All Fireworks including "Safe & Sane" are illegal in Madera County.

CAL FIRE Peace Officers will be out in full force.

Anyone caught with fireworks will be cited and the fireworks will be confiscated. You could be cited with a \$1,000 fine and up to a year in jail. If large quantities are found you could be fined up to \$50,000 and up to three years in a



California State Prison. It is just not worth the risk.

There will be additional personnel and volunteers patrolling areas to keep a watchful eye on all communities this holiday weekend. The various groups patrolling will be CAL FIRE Volunteers in Prevention (VIP's), Peace Officers and Amateur Radio Operators (HAMS). Our resident HAM Operator, Simon Elman usually volunteers his time on the fourth to help keep us safe. Thanks to all the volunteers working this weekend.

For more information on this article and how to be fully prepared for wildfire, visit the CAL FIRE Site at: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

## CMWC NEWS

The Annual Consumer Confidence Report is now on our website for you to read or print. You can link to it here: <http://cascadelinternet.com/water/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/06/2020-2021-Consumer-Confidence-Report.pdf>

The water facilities have been inspected by Madera County Services. This is usually done annually, but not always. Once the report has been sent to us, a copy will be added to the website for you to review.

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **July 3 & 4 – North Fork Booster's Mid-Sierra's 61st Loggers Jamboree**  
33507 Recreation Road 230
- **July 4 – Independence Day Fireworks at Bass Lake**  
Boat Parade at 7pm and Fireworks at 9pm

## FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Submissions for the August newsletter should be sent to Carol Eggink by July 27, at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).